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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE  
FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF D-  
PANTOTHENIC ACID USING  
CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, Applicants request  
reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.